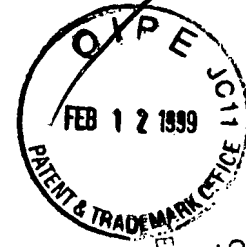


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Response to Office Action of August 8, 1998

Remarks

Receipt of the Office Action of August 8, 1998 is acknowledged. A three month extension of the time provided for response and reconsideration of the application are requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to debit our deposit account, Account No. 02-2105 for the extension fee, the terminal disclaimer fee, and any other amounts required.

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In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a rejection of Claims 154-259 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,652,427. In response, a terminal disclaimer in the form provided by M.P.E.P §1490 (7th Edition, July 1998) is enclosed herein.

In the Office Action, the Examiner further rejected Claims 164-259 as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on the Douglas references ('236 and '278), in view of Chowdhury (320), Aberth (669) and Guilhaus (107). Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.